

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 1, 2004.

Claims 19-21 are canceled; as a result, claims 1-18 and 22-26 are now pending in this application.

1. **Summary of the Office Action**

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by the article authored by Malkamaki et al, hereinafter Malkamaki, entitled "A Method For Combining Radio Link Simulations and System Simulations For a Slow Frequency Hopped Cellular System, 1994 IEEE 44th Vehicular Technology Conference, pages 1145-1149.

Claims 20 and 21 stand objected to for incorporating the rejection of their respective base claim by dependency.

Claims 1-18 and 22-26 have been indicated as allowable over the prior art.

2. **Response to § 102 Rejections**

Responsive to the above noted rejection and objection, claims 19-21 have been canceled, without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

Having amended the claims as indicated herein, Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections and objections have been addressed and that the claims are now in a condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact André Marais at (408) 333-9972.


Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS S. PATERSON, *ET AL.*

By their Representatives,

SCHWEGMAN, LUNDBERG, WOESSNER & KLUTH, P.A.
P.O. Box 2938
Minneapolis, MN 55402
(612) 373-6951

Date September 30, 2004

By 

Suneel Arora

Reg. No. 42,267

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: MS Amendment, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 30 day of September, 2004.

PETER REBUFFONI

Name



Signature